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Claims 3-14, 17-20, and 22-23 have been canceled. Applicants amend pending claims 1-2, 15-16, 21, and 24 for clarification. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-2, 15-16, 21, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,363,143 to Fox. Applicants amend the claims in a good faith effort to clarify the invention as distinguished from the cited reference, and respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Examiner contended that the technique of allowing a user to define his/her own call-coverage path described in Fox discloses the claimed invention. The cited portions of Fox only include, however, description of routing an incoming call according to a call-coverage path defined beforehand by a called user. Such portions, therefore, do not include any disclosure of a caller being provided with information for selecting one of a plurality of communication services for connecting to the called user when a call to the called user is in a non-connectable state.

In other words, Fox, as cited and relied upon by the Examiner, does not disclose,

“[a] communication service information providing method comprising the steps of:  
receiving a call, which is transmitted from a calling subscriber for connecting to a called subscriber that subscribes to a plurality of communication services, said call being used to select one of the plurality of communication services; and  
providing information related to another communication service subscribed to by the called subscriber for connecting to the calling subscriber, the provided information being usable for selecting said another communication service when the call to the called subscriber is in a non-connectable state,” as recited in claim 1. (Emphasis added)

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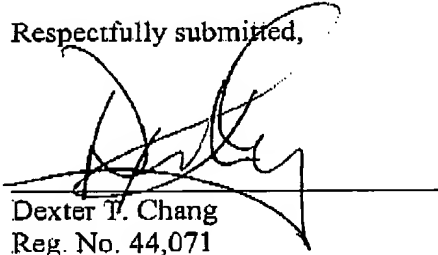
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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit the claim 1 is patentable over Fox for at least the foregoing reasons. Claims 2, 15-16, 21, and 24 incorporate features that correspond to those of claim 1 cited above, and are, therefore, patentable over Fox for at least the same reasons.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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